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In re U.S. Patent Application

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BRUSHES AND DEVICE FOR CUTTING

BRUSH FIBERS USED THEREBY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction notice dated March 18, 2004 received in the above application, Applicant hereby elects to maintain claims 1-6 of Group I. (drawn to method of manufacturing brushes).

All rights are retained with respect to the non-elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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